

Surfrider Foundation – Cape Fear Chapter  
Ocean Friendly Garden Project Update  
July 2, 2012

Current Partners:

Tidal Creek  
Flora Landscape  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
City of Wilmington Stormwater Management  
Wilmington Yoga Center

Timeline and Phases:

Phase 1 – Tidal Creek Garden- August-September 2012

Surfrider and Tidal Creek have partnered with Roger Shew at the University of North Carolina Wilmington to build the Ocean Friendly Garden at Tidal Creek. Initially scheduled for construction during the month of July, the Tidal Creek garden will now be built after the Fall Semester begins. This way, students in Professor Shew's class will be able to participate in the installation of the garden. One of the primary functions of the garden is to serve as an educational space for ideal storm water management practices. We felt that pushing the timeline back until the fall and incorporating construction with students from the University was an ideal way to maximize the educational potential of the Garden.

Flora Landscape has completed an initial design that incorporates a bio-retention swale and native plants to help absorb, spread out and filter an estimated 20,000 cubic feet of water that drain from the adjacent parking lot into the proposed site for the Garden.

Phase 2- Wilmington Yoga Center Garden – September-October 2012 ?

Flora Landscape has also completed an initial design template for the Yoga Center Garden. This garden is situated across the driveway from the Tidal Creek Garden.

Phase 3- Green space behind Yoga Center Garden - ?

Phase 4 – Green space between Tidal Creek Garden and Oleander Dr.

Other Projects:

OFG Yard Certification

A neighbor in Carolina Beach with a request to have her yard evaluated against the OFG criteria contacted Ethan. Right now, gardens are posted to the website using the honor system. It would be an asset to the OFG program if we could get a landscape professional to help us with evaluating yards based on the criteria. We have had some trouble getting in touch with a couple of different people who have voiced interest in the program, as this is the busiest time of the year. Until we have someone on board, please send me request and I will connect with the homeowner or business to assist with evaluating the garden.

### Educational Series

Starting in the early fall (late September?) I would like to host our initial class series. We have been offered several locations to hold the classes and Surfrider National has provided the class content. Once we have a landscape professional who is willing and able to lead the classes we can start promoting the series. More information about the content of the classes can be found here:

[http://www.beachapedia.org/Ocean Friendly Gardens Activist Toolkit/Series Program](http://www.beachapedia.org/Ocean_Friendly_Gardens_Activist_Toolkit/Series_Program)